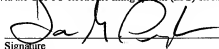


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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 15, 2008**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 15, 2008, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections.

Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 016295.1458) for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response. Applicants believe that no fees are due in conjunction with the filing of this Response. Should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 016295.1458.